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## **PHA CIRCULAR**

**ATTENTION: ALL PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES IN THE  
JURISDICTION OF SEATTLE PUBLIC HOUSING HUB**

**NO. 04-06**

**SUBJECT: CURRENT PASSBOOK SAVINGS RATE DETERMINED BY  
HUD – 0.20 Percent (0.002)**

**APPLIES TO:  
LIPH  
SECTION 8**

***NOTE: Forms, Handbooks, Notices, and other directives issued by HUD  
Headquarters may be ordered by calling 1.800.767.7468, or faxing an  
order to 202.708.2313 or online [www.hudclips.org](http://www.hudclips.org).***

### **Current Passbook Savings Rate Determined by HUD**

Annual income, defined at 24 CFR §5.609(b), includes interest earned on assets. If the asset is more than \$5,000, annual income is the greater of actual income derived from the asset or the imputed income based on the current passbook savings rate, as determined by HUD. The HUD determined passbook rate has not changed for many years.

In June 2003, HUD published the **Public Housing Occupancy Guidebook**, setting a nationwide rate at 2 percent (page 122, footnote 35). Subsequent to that publication HUD issued frequently asked questions (FAQ) on the Rental Housing Integrity Improvement Project (RHIIP) web site. Question 31 indicates that currently, each Field Office establishes the passbook savings rate to be used by PHAs within its jurisdiction and this method will remain in effect until superseded by PIH Notice:

[http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/rhiip/faq\\_gird.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/rhiip/faq_gird.cfm)

We have completed a survey of regional banks in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. As a result of the survey **we have set the HUD passbook rate at 0.2 percent (0.002)**. This passbook rate should be used for imputing income from assets of more than \$5,000. It should be used for Housing Choice Voucher families and for public housing families at the next annual or interim reexamination. If you have questions please contact your PHRS.

Sincerely,

//signed//

Harlan Stewart  
Director

Office of Public Housing